MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know from the honourable member whether he has visited the road in recent times?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: No. Sir. Not within the last few months.

Kuruppamthara—Chanthakadavu Road.

51. * MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: Will the Government be pleased to state the amount spent by them in each of the years 1115, 1116, 1117, 1118 and 1119 for maintaining the public road running eastwards from Kuruppamthara Chanthakadavu *via* the junction?

MR. I. C. CHACKO:

1115	...	Rs. 1,214
1116	...	Rs. 1,404
1117	...	Rs. 912
1118	...	Rs. 1,226
1119	...	Rs. 1,227

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: കുറുപ്പംതറയിൽനിന്നും ചന്തക്കടവിലേക്കുള്ള ദൂരം എന്താണെന്നു പറയാമോ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: About 4 to 4 1/2 miles.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: ഫ്ലഡ് വർക്കിൽ നടത്തിയ സംരക്ഷണം ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റിൽനിന്നാണോ, പ്രൈവറ്റ് ഏജൻസി മുഖേനയാണോ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: From the department.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: ഫ്ലഡ് വർക്കിൽ നടത്തിയ സംരക്ഷണജോലികളെ കോട്ടയം പി. ഡബ്ല്യൂ. ഡി. ആഫീസർ പരിശോധിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ എന്നാണെന്നു പറയുമോ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: I claim notice.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: Sir, on a point of order.

PRESIDENT: The point of order might be very useful if I hear both the question and the answer to it. Please repeat the question.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: ഫ്ലഡ് വർക്കിൽ കുറുപ്പംതറ—ചന്തക്കടവു റോഡിന്റെ സംരക്ഷണജോലി കോട്ടയം പി. ഡബ്ല്യൂ. ഡി. ആഫീസർ പരിശോധിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതായി എന്നാണെന്നു പറയുമോ എന്നു ഞാൻ ചോദിച്ചു. അതിനു "I claim notice" എന്നാണു മറുപടി പറഞ്ഞതു്. സർ, ഏതെങ്കിലും ഒരു സംഗതിയെക്കുറിച്ചു് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റദ്ധ്യക്ഷന്മാരോടു് ചോദ്യങ്ങൾ ചോദിക്കുമ്പോൾ അവർ ആ വിഷയത്തെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു മെമ്പറന്മാർക്കു കൊടുക്കാവുന്ന എല്ലാ വിവരങ്ങളും കൊടുക്കേണ്ടതാണെന്നു് പ്രസിഡന്റു് അവർകൾതന്നെ റൂൾ ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ളതാണു.

PRESIDENT: The general rule about the answering of questions is as follows. It is the duty of every Departmental Head not only to give answers to the question that is propounded but also to be prepared to answer questions relevant and cognate to those questions which

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they might reasonably anticipate or expect. If questions are asked about matters which they could not normally expect, then the officers are entitled to claim notice. As I understand that the present question is whether a departmental report has been scrutinised by the Chief Engineer it may be stated that the Departmental Head could not have anticipated that that question would be forthcoming. But I do not want to keep the honourable members away from their rights. If honourable members find that the question according to them is not answered satisfactorily, not only can they repeat the question later on but they may maintain correspondence with the official members in order to elucidate further details I have given instructions to all Heads of Departments that in regard to doubts arising out of the questions and supplementary questions thereof, they should as far as possible give answers so as to impart full information to the honourable members.

Kuruppamthara-Chanthakadavu Road.

52. ✻MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have before them the estimate for repairing the Kuruppamthara—Chanthakadavu Road in the Kottayam P. W. Division; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken by them in regard to it?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Provision for taking up the work is made in the budget for 1120.

P. W. D. Works in the Vaikom taluk.

53. ✻MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the amount expended annually by the P. W. D. for new works in Vaikom taluk from the year 1096 to the 30th Edavom 1119?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: *The statement is laid on the table.

Road from the General Hospital to the Madhava Rao Statue.

54. ✻MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have decided to widen the road from the General Hospital to the Madhava Rao statue?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: No.

Total mileage of roads.

55. ✻MR. P. M. VARGHESE (*Minachil* cum *Thodupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the total mileage of roads in Trivandrum, Quilon and Kottayam Divisions, classifying them as concreted, metalled and non-metalled roads?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: †The required statement is placed on the table.

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* *Vide* appendix II page 153.

† *Vide* Appendix III page 153.

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